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SUBJ: GOI CRITICIZES DEMOCRATIC PARTY "MANIFESTO"

1. AN IRAQI OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED IN THE BAGHDAD PRESS ON JULY 16 AS CRITICIZING THE "POLITICAL MANIFESTO" OF THE U.S. DEMOCRATIC PARTY. ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE "MANIFESTO'S ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL PHENOMENA IN THE REGION WAS COLOURED WITH PREJUDICE AND REFLECTED A SPIRIT FAR REMOVED FROM EVEN A MINIMUM OF OBJECTIVITY AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE ANALYSIS WAS HUNDRED PER CENT DICTATED BY ELECTIONEERING CONSIDERATIONS AND PARTY AND SELFISH INTERESTS WHICH EXPRESSLY AIM AT WIPING OUT THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE ONCE AND FOR ALL AND EXPOSING THE ARAB NATION IN ITS INTIREITY TO ZIONIST COLONIALISM AND AGGRESSION. AS SUCH, THE MANIFESTO REPRESENTED AN ATTITUDE HOSTILE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS PRINCIPLES AND INDEED TO ALL NORMS OF JUSTICE AROUND THE WORLD." THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: "IT IS REALLY SAD THAT PARTY RIVALRY IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NOTION OF CURRYING FAVOUR WITH AN INFLUENTIAL MINORITY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE AT LARGE". THE SPOKESMAN ASSERTED THAT "SUCH AN UNETHICAL POLICY LINE COULD ONLY EXPOSE US INTEREST IN THE ARAB NATION TO EVER GROWING JEOPARDY."

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE TEXT OF THE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WAS CABLED TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. DEMOCRATIC PARTY,
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DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN, PRESIDENT FORD, AND THE UN SECRETARY

GENERAL.

3. SUBJECT OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM HAS NOT BEEN RAISED WITH
USINT. IF IT IS WE WILL POINT OUT THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN OFFICIAL USG POLICY STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF A
POLITICAL PARTY.
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